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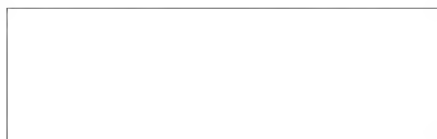
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Attached is the most recent estimate dated 24 January 1984 on Soviet BCW developments.

In general, the thrust of the Wall Street Journal articles is about right, although few technical errors are made. In our view, the articles also miss a few important points--like the extent of the involvement of the Microbiological Industry in military programs--and they give the Soviets credit for a slightly more advanced program than we feel to be the case.

A more detailed Interagency Intelligence Memorandum also is being prepared to provide technical support for the SNIE. It should be published by the NIC sometime late this summer.



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